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Emory Johnson
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Office of Minority Health Coordinator
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Dear Mr. Johnson ,

BEBASHI is requesting support to implement a series of one day forums on HIV/AIDS in the African American community in Pennsylvania.

These forums will be done as part of already existing activities conducted by BEBASHI's technical Assistance and Training Program partially funded by the US Public Health Service Centers for Disease Control, Center for Prevention Services.

Support is requested in the amount of \$60,000 to cover facilities, speaker fees, travel, meals, administrative costs, staff support, and materials. If you would like an itemized detailed budget of the proposed activity please contact me.

I have enclosed a brief description of the one day forums for your review. If there is additional information needed please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Curtis Wadlington". The signature is stylized and written over a horizontal line.

Curtis Wadlington,
Executive Assistant to the
Chief Executive Officer

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HIV/AIDS in African American Communities "Mobilizing the Commonwealth"

In the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, there is an overwhelming need to link existing early intervention case management services, for people HIV+ and AIDS, with agencies and programs providing services to the African American community.

By identifying those programs and services in specific geographical areas of the Commonwealth and bringing them together with already existing ASOs, BEBASHI proposes to foster the creation of cooperative service networks.

BEBASHI will utilize local, regional, and national representatives to present basic models of prevention education and information/case referral to assist programs and services create or strengthen those models and integrate them into their existing programs.

Once HIV/AIDS information and referral is integrated, the programs/services will have to link with already existing resources in the region providing HIV related services to build a cooperative network of care.

One of the hardest to reach populations within the Commonwealth has been the black church, outside of Philadelphia. BEBASHI proposes to address the particular needs of the Black Church by simultaneously holding a workshop designed to assist the church in discussing HIV/AIDS and its role in the regional care networks.

By identifying pastors of churches in each of the regions, BEBASHI will identify local ministers to assist us in recruiting ministers and laymen to attend a half day workshop featuring nationally respected religious leaders who can help them better understand their role in the epidemic. The participants will also be presented with models of programs supported by religious organizations and churches.



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Purpose: To strengthen the ability of African American communities, and programs servicing them, to address the impact of HIV/AIDS. The one day forums will foster the creation of systematic cooperative education, information/referral, and service networks throughout the commonwealth that address the unique needs of their geographically diverse communities.

Who: Identify AIDS and non-AIDS related programs and services that currently service high risk populations within the African American Communities to include, but not be limited to: churches, civic and social organizations, medical providers, social service programs, support groups, and other human service providers.

What: Assist them in integrating AIDS education information, case referral, and follow-up into existing programs or services.

How: Three (3), one (1) day regional forums that assist participants in conceptualizing their individual roles in the creation of a network of care responsive to the particular needs of their region, utilizing already existing resources.

Participants will be presented models of prevention education, HIV service information, referral/early intervention services that can be integrated into their program's present services. Participants will be introduced to existing regional case management /early intervention services, including counseling and testing, support groups, food banks, etc.

Participating individuals and agencies will be identified through contact with and recommendations from the state and local health department(s), school districts, community based organizations, existing AIDS Service Organizations, and other health service providers (including hospitals, community MH/MR centers, and substance abuse programs).